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CITIZENS' BULLETIN

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A letter from Commissioner Gill

Dear Citizens' Bulletin Reader:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Citizens' Bulletin has now been reinstated. Approval for publication was granted by the Department of Finance and Control on the condition that the Bulletin be distributed on a subscription basis. We have decided to charge \$2.00 to cover expenses for a one-year subscription, which will include eleven issues. A form has been provided on page 19 of this issue for your convenience.

For the past two years, the Bulletin has served as an important information source not only on Department of Environmental Protection activities, but also for other significant environmental issues and activities of statewide interest. It has been the one Connecticut publication reporting all types of news concerning the environment: air and water quality, wildlife management, land use, sportsmen's activities, transportation, solid waste, park and forest management, legislation.

First and foremost, however, is that it will continue to encourage you, the citizen, to participate directly in environmental affairs. Through the Citizens' Bulletin we hope to bring you the kind of information you need in order to participate effectively in a broad range of environmental discussions and activities, both on the state and local levels. It is also hoped that you will use the forum of the Bulletin to let us know your complaints, concerns, and suggestions.

Thank you for your kind letters of support for the Bulletin -- without them the decision to resume publication would not have been possible.

Sincerely yours,

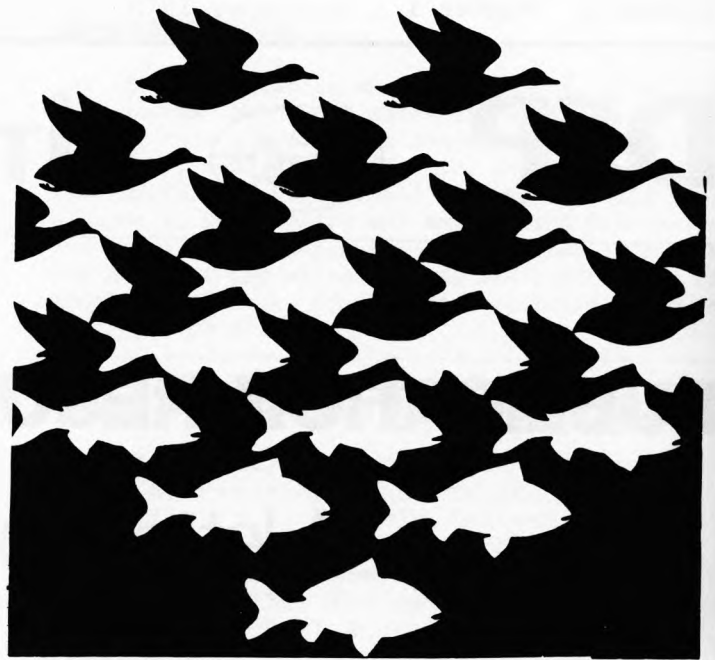
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Commissioner

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National Hunting & Fishing Day

September 27,
1975



Many environmentalists are not aware of the significant role which hunters and fishermen have played in the national conservation movement. Beginning in the days of Audubon and Teddy Roosevelt, these sportsmen have advocated the protection of the environment and promotion of the wise use of natural resources. They were instrumental in the founding of all of the states' fish and game departments, and were active in the establishment of the national wildlife refuge system. In the past fifty years hunters and fishermen have contributed nearly \$5 billion for conservation and wildlife management.

In 1972 Congress proclaimed the fourth Saturday in September as the official National Hunting & Fishing Day. Since then, in just three years, it has become one of the nation's most popular sporting traditions. Last year's 3,000 activities across the nation involved over 20 million participants in a wide range of activities.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is planning a series of Connecticut-based activities to celebrate September 27, designed to teach observers and participants alike about conservation and outdoor skills, as well

as to let the general public know how sportsmen's programs have contributed to the environmental movement in this country and in Connecticut in particular. Local sportsmen's clubs and conservation groups will be participating with DEP in a variety of exhibits, displays and demonstrations in conservation and outdoor activities to be held on September 27 in North Franklin, Connecticut.

On the DEP agenda so far:

Sample deer check station
Simulated field trials for upland
field dogs and retrievers
Muzzleloading seminar
Photo contest
Skeet-shooting demonstration
Archery demonstration
Fly-casting and fly-tying demonstration
Plant display
Taxidermy display
Decoy Exhibit
Art Exhibits
Trappers Exhibit
Exhibits by:
Conn. Audubon Society
Conn. Humane Society
Conn. Wildlife Federation

where & when:

September 27, 1975 at the Franklin Swamp Wildlife Area, located 4½ miles north of Route 2 on Route 32 in North Franklin, Connecticut

10:00 to 4:30.

Air conference scheduled

High air pollution concentrations contribute to the incidence of respiratory disease, as evidenced by the increased frequency of these diseases in polluted areas. Lung cancer causes more deaths in urban areas than it does in rural areas. Even the frequency of the common cold increases in more polluted sections of cities. According to the Connecticut Lung Association, there are over 225,000 Connecticut residents suffering from chronic respiratory diseases such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and tuberculosis.

By far the worst polluter in Connecticut is the automobile. This is apparent in the extremely high level of photochemical oxidants in the state: up to four times the national clean air standard on the worst days. Of the six major pollutants listed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous to human health, four are generated by automobiles.

The Connecticut Transportation Control Plan (TCP), which will be going to public hearings in December, will be designed to decrease motor vehicle pollutant emissions by decreasing our reliance on automobiles. Therefore the relationship of health benefits to the TCP is critical.

This is the subject of a conference sponsored by DEP in conjunction with the State Departments of Health and Transportation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, the Connecticut Lung Association, and the Connecticut Transportation Coalition. Scheduled for the afternoon of October 9 in the Hall of the House in the State Capitol in Hartford, it will be a seminar to discuss the health hazards associated with automotive air pollutants.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ronald E. Engel, Acting Director
Health Effects Division
Office of Research and Development
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
TOPIC: "The Development of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Current Research in Health Effects of Air Pollutants"

Dr. Thomas Godar, President
Connecticut Lung Association
TOPIC: "The Physiological Effects of Automotive Air Pollutants"

Dr. Douglas Lloyd, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Health
TOPIC: To be announced

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Roy Coughlin, Environmental Affairs Superv.
Southern New England Telephone Company

Robert Gubala, Environmental Engineer
Connecticut Department of Transportation

Diane Hoyer, Chairperson, Transportation
Committee
League of Women Voters of Connecticut

Donald Lynch, President
Connecticut Roadbuilders Association

Henry Beal, Director, Air Compliance Unit
Connecticut Department of Environmental
Protection

Moderator: Don Noel, WFSB-TV

TOPIC: "How can the people of Connecticut reduce their reliance on motor vehicles to reduce the health problems caused by automotive pollutants?"

Governor Grasso plans to open the conference, and Commissioners Gill (DEP), Lloyd (DOH), and Kanell (DOT) will provide introductory remarks. A question-and-answer period will be provided for each speaker, and public participation is encouraged.

PLAN TO ATTEND ON OCTOBER 9 !!!!



Environmental quality update

A NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

In May of 1975 Commissioner Joseph Gill appointed a new Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Quality, Melvin J. Schneidermeyer. Formerly the Director of the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, Mr. Schneidermeyer brings planning and administrative experience to his new post in DEP. After receiving a Masters of Urban Planning degree from the University of Illinois in 1966, he worked as a senior county planner and an acting city planning director in Illinois prior to organizing, staffing and managing the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency from 1967 to 1975. Mr. Schneidermeyer is 37 years old and resides with his wife and four children in Southington.

As Deputy Commissioner, he is responsible for administering the state's air pollution, water pollution, radiation, pesticides, noise, and solid waste management programs. A newly-added responsibility is the administration of the Water & Related Resources Unit, recently moved to Environmental Quality from the Division of Conservation & Preservation in order to centralize all of DEP's regulatory functions into one division. No other basic changes in the division's programs have been made.

Below is a brief update on each of the environmental quality units' activities during the past year.

AIR COMPLIANCE

The Air Compliance Unit has succeeded in bringing industrial pollution concentrations down to the 1975 federal standards in most areas of the state. However, Connecticut still has a serious problem with automotive pollutants, and a transportation control plan is being drawn up to deal with the problem. The strategies contained in the plan will attempt to reduce automotive pollutants to acceptable levels by reducing automobile usage. Hearings on the plan are scheduled for December.

To date over 11,000 emission sources and items of pollution control equipment have been registered in the state. 500 applications for permits for new emission

sources have been filed. Over 2,000 violations have been detected and over 500 compliance orders have now been issued.

WATER COMPLIANCE

Water Compliance has been continuing its activities to control industrial and municipal water pollution and oil & chemical handling to make progress toward the goals set in the Connecticut Clean Water Act of 1967 and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972. They continue to supervise municipal and private sewage treatment plant operations, operator training, and operator certification.

During the past fiscal year 302 new orders and permits were issued. 91 engineering reports and 390 construction plans and specifications were approved by the engineering staff. 918 sewage treatment plants throughout the state were inspected, and 140 new operators for municipal treatment plants were certified. 582 oil and chemical spills were reported and investigated. Finally, during the year over 2200 field inspections were made by DEP staff.

Since the program began in 1967, 165 stream miles in Connecticut (about 25%) have been upgraded to meet 1983 federal water quality standards, and 455 additional stream miles have been upgraded. 203 miles of coastline waters (a full 80%) are presently meeting the 1983 standards, with only 50 coastal miles still requiring improvement.

WATER & RELATED RESOURCES

The Water & Related Resources Unit regulates activities in the water and land-related resources of the state. It has programs for: maintenance of flood-retarding structures and the construction of new structures in small watersheds; stream channel encroachment line regulation, inland and tidal wetland regulation; algae and aquatic weed control; low flow regulation; structures & dredging regulation; shore erosion control; water resources planning; and local, state and federal project review.

One of the unit's responsibilities which has generated the most interest is the inland wetlands program. To date the number of municipal agencies regulating wetlands has grown to 139, leaving only 30 municipalities still under state regulation. Approximately 350 field inspections were conducted by DEP staff and 248 inland wetlands applications were processed.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Solid Waste Management Unit assures that solid wastes are processed and disposed of properly in order to minimize health and environmental problems, maximize resource recovery, and minimize the land required for ultimate disposal of solid wastes. Administrative regulations for this purpose were adopted in February of this year.

928 inspections of public and private solid waste disposal areas were conducted by DEP staff. 43 orders were issued, along with 61 notices of violation. Inspections and review of plans were conducted for new solid waste disposal areas, transfer stations, municipal incinerators and shredder facilities. Over \$2 million in grants were committed for assisting municipalities in the purchase of equipment, construction of facilities and contracting for engineering studies. 190 land disposal area operators were certified. 5 landfill sites converted their operations to the more efficient cell method of disposal.

In December of 1974 a hazardous waste program was initiated to assess the scope of this particular type of waste problem. Research is underway on existing systems available for disposal of these wastes.

An important function of the unit is the coordination of activities of the regional planning agencies, the Resources Recovery Authority, and local officials.

PESTICIDES

The Pesticides Unit has been revising its procedures for registration of pesticides according to the requirements in the 1973 Connecticut Pesticide Control Act, and approximately 3600 pesticides are now registered. All commercial applicators were re-examined during the past year and their licenses adjusted to conform to Federal requirements. Private

applicators (farmers) were licensed for the first time this year. A total of 1292 tests were given. Inspections were made of 315 stores, and 145 violations of the pesticide laws were discovered. 300 samples of pesticides were taken for analysis and 34 did not meet stated guarantees. 22 on-site investigations were made of complaints and accidents involving pesticides.

NOISE

The Noise Control Office is directed to: develop controls on environmental noise through regulation and restriction of the use and operation of stationary noise sources; develop ambient noise standards for those major sources; consult with state and local governmental agencies concerning standards, ordinances and regulations dealing with noise; and develop controls on airports and aircraft noise to the extent not pre-empted by federal law. Since early 1975 the Noise Control staff has acquired noise measuring and recording equipment and has conducted research on noise standards and regulations for possible DEP adoption. Complaints were investigated and inquiries answered. A report regarding the feasibility of a program of certification of "low-noise" products and mandatory labeling of "noisy" products was prepared and submitted to the Governor.

A Noise Advisory Committee was appointed and has already taken a look at the DEP draft regulations. These regulations will provide the necessary framework for a uniform statewide program to control those sources of community noise which can best be addressed on the State level, together with a program to promote local noise control activity at the city and town level of government.

RADIATION

Radiation has the responsibility of regulating the use of sources of ionizing radiation, with the aim of reducing the radiation exposure to the general public to the lowest practicable level. A statewide environmental radiological surveillance program is conducted to evaluate levels to which the public might be exposed, with routine sampling of the environment in the following areas: air particulates and external radiation levels, water from precipitation reservoirs, wells, streams and saline water at selected beaches, seaweed, shellfish, fishes, sediment and dairy farm milk. The unit continued its emergency

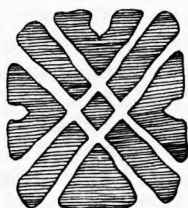
radiological assistance plan in cooperation with the State Police Department. 2500 diagnostic and therapeutic X-ray machines were inspected to evaluate exposures to the public, and 300 other sources of ionizing radiation were registered this year.

NOTE

If you've been having some difficulty in locating the offices of some of the En-

vironmental Quality units, try 122 Washington Street in Hartford. The Solid Waste, Water Compliance, Pesticides, Noise & Radiation units have been moved to an "annex" building of the State Office Building, where they were all formerly housed. The Air Compliance and Water & Related Resources units have remained in the State Office Building.

All phone numbers are still the same, and mail should continue to be addressed c/o the State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut 06115.



Proposed Indian affairs regulations

The Connecticut Indian Affairs Council has announced its intention to promulgate regulations concerning its organization, operation, and the establishment of standards for membership in tribes and eligibility to reside on a reservation. A public hearing is scheduled for October 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 221 of the State Office Building in Hartford to allow for citizen comment on the proposed regulations.

In most states west of the Mississippi the Federal Government through the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides services to Indian tribes. However, in Connecticut the State has established, through a long history of statutes and other agreements, a direct responsibility for its Indian reservation community.

There are four Indian reservations in Connecticut totaling over eight hundred acres: the Schaghticoke in Kent; the Eastern Pequot in North Stonington; the Western Pequot in Ledyard; and the Golden Hill-Paugussett in Trumbull. These lands were originally among numerous areas reserved for tribal use during the period of early colonial settlement. Throughout the controversial history of Indian/White relations, the four remaining reservations have survived as a legacy of the Indian people of the state. They are reserved for the use and benefit of the Connecticut tribes, and a small number of tribal families now reside on the reservations.

In 1973 the General Assembly created the Indian Affairs Council to provide services to the Indian community. The

Council also advises DEP, since DEP has been given the formal responsibility of administering the reservation lands. The Council consists of eight members, five of which are tribal representatives and three of which are Non-Indians appointed by the Governor. The current members:

Irving Harris, Chairman (Schaghticoke)
Amos George, Vice-Chairman (W. Pequot)
Helen LeGault (E. Pequot)
Aureluis Piper (Golden Hill-Paugussett)
Brian Myles (Mohegan)
Elaine Ferris (appointee)
Robert Nicola (appointee)
Richard Renkun (appointee)

With the formation of the Indian Affairs Council the State Indian community was afforded its first opportunity in over a century to participate directly in the administration of reservation affairs. The Council is working towards the improvement of the general health, safety and well-being of the reservation community. It hopes to also promote a better understanding and awareness of the Indian tribes within the general population of the State. The Council's address is Room 248 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06115. Phone: 566-7026.

The symbol used at the beginning of this article is adapted from a traditional Mohegan basket design. It serves as the official logo for the Indian Affairs Council.



university of connecticut
INSTITUTE OF WATER RESOURCES

In 1964 the Federal Government established through Public Law 88-379 (as amended) a nationwide program of water resources research and training "in order to assist in assuring the Nation at all times of a supply of water sufficient in quantity and quality to meet the requirements of its expanding population." Title I of the Act provides annual funding allotments to support one state university water resources research and training institute in each state. The Institute of Water Resources at the University of Connecticut was established in 1964 to administer this program for Connecticut.

The Institute supports research on a broad range of water-related problems, including aspects of the hydrologic cycle, supply and demand for water, conservation and wise use of available supplies, and economic, legal, social, engineering, recreational, biological, geographic, ecological, and other aspects of water problems. Training of water resources scientists and engineers on various approved research projects is an important part of the program. Equally important is the dissemination of information to managers, planners, scientists, and members of the public throughout the water resources community.

The research program during the past fiscal year has covered a wide range of topics with emphasis centered on water quality and pollution control. One project, conducted under a matching grant, is researching the definition and evaluation of wetlands from widely-differing professional viewpoints; a second project, funded by a regional research grant, is studying the "Impact of Urbanization on New England Lakes" to evaluate the influences of population and land use on lake water quality and degradation.

In joining our effort with DEP in supporting the Citizens' Bulletin we hope to reach a wider audience of those who are genuinely concerned about the water-related environment. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to present our views and the results of our research work from time to time in this publication.

- Victor E. Scottron, Director
Institute of Water Resources

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1975-1976 Seminar Series

The Seminar Series was first established in 1965 to serve as a means of bringing together people outside the community who are concerned with water resources. This year's series will focus on WATER QUALITY AND HEALTH. It will be held from September 17, 1975 through April 21, 1976. All seminars will begin at 3:30 pm in Room 200 of the Nathan L. Whetten Graduate Center, University of Connecticut, Storrs, unless otherwise noted below. The agenda is as follows:

- 9/17/75 Dr. Robert H. Harris
Environmental Defense Fund
"Regulation of Carcinogens and Other Pollution Toxics in Water"
- 10/15/75 Dr. James M. Symons
U.S. Environmental Prot. Agency
"The State of the Art of Water Treatment Practices"
- 11/19/75 Prof. Michael S. Baram
Mass. Inst. of Technology
"Legal Aspects of Water and Health"
* Law School Auditorium,
West Hartford Campus
- 12/17/75 Dr. Dorothy J. Worth
Tufts Univ. School of Medicine
"A Study of Household Drinking Water for Lead Content"
* Keller Auditorium, U Conn Health Center
Farmington
- 1/21/76 Dr. Theodore C. Metcalf
Univ. of New Hampshire
"The Virus-in-Water Problem and Related Health Concerns"
- 2/18/76 Dr. Samuel S. Epstein
Case Western Reserve University
"Drinking Water and Cancer"
- 3/17/76 Dr. Ernest E. Angino
University of Kansas
"Water Chemistry - The Geochemical Environment in Relation to Health and Disease"
- 4/21/76 Prof. Leonard B. Dworsky
Cornell University
"The Environment and Health - Is There Still a Relationship?"

Coffee and Donuts will be served
at 3:00 pm

The Coastal Area Management

A nature preserve is designated on 500 acres of state land along the shore. Less than seven miles away a utility company receives approval for a third nuclear power plant on the Sound. Shoreline citizens are successful in their fight to save a tract of tidal wetlands in a nearby community. These are current examples of some of the land use decisions affecting Connecticut's shoreline resources.

Wise and balanced use of the coastal zone is the goal of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. This significant piece of federal legislation encourages individual coastal states to develop plans to protect and rationally use their coastal lands and waters. The Federal Office of Coastal Zone Management in the U.S. Dept. of Commerce was established to provide guidance and support to 34 states and territories during the development of management programs for their coastal boundaries.

Connecticut is now into its second year of the Connecticut Coastal Area Management (CAM) Program. It is developing a process for coastal management which is patterned along broad guidelines contained in the federal Act. The following six areas are being addressed in Connecticut's program:

- (1) identification of the boundaries of the coastal zone;
- (2) inventory and designation of areas of particular concern;
- (3) designation of priority of uses in certain areas, including those of lowest priority;
- (4) determination of land and water uses which have a direct and significant impact on coastal waters;
- (5) establishment of a process to control those uses; and
- (6) creation of an organizational structure to implement the

management program.

Connecticut has just received approval for its second-year funding from the Federal Office of Coastal Zone Management. The planning phase under Section 305 of the Act and the implementation phase under Section 306 are both financed on a two-thirds basis by federal matching grants. Upon completion of the final plan in 1977, it must be endorsed by the Governor and adopted in legislation by the Connecticut General Assembly. The federal government, through the Secretary of Commerce, must also review and approve the plan in order for the implementation phase (Section 306) to be federally-funded.

CONNECTICUT'S FIRST YEAR

Much of the first year's effort was devoted to organizing the program and assembling a central staff. In spite of these difficulties the CAM staff during its first year of operation:

- * Established a Coastal Area Management Board, which serves as a policy board for the program. Since December, 1974 it has met monthly in Hartford and in various coastal locations. The Board is composed of the Commissioners of Agriculture, Commerce, Community Affairs, Environmental Protection, Finance & Control, Health, Planning & Energy Policy, and Transportation, plus one board member from each of the six coastal regional planning agencies. It is chaired by the Commissioner of DEP, since DEP is the lead agency in the program.

- * Completed an aerial photographic survey and processed infra-red and black-and-white photographs of the entire Connecticut coastline. These can be used for analyzing land use patterns and determining vegetation for wetland designation.

- * Participated in the review and analysis of the work and materials from the Long Island Sound Regional Study. Special efforts were made to coordinate with and to utilize the information from the study. Many of the CAM staff activities are a follow-through on some of the specific recommendations.



Program: Its second year

- * Involved local planners in the planning program. All six coastal regional planning agencies were given a contract for the gathering and analysis of data and plans in their regions. Items which were collected and evaluated included land use and zoning regulations, master plans, transportation plans, conservation plans, and special studies affecting coastal areas. Local land use plans and zoning districts were transferred onto regional maps.

- * Reviewed current oil and gas development proposals on the Outer Continental Shelf.

- * Began the process of evaluating the best methods for obtaining public participation during the second year. The success of the public meetings held by the Long Island Sound Study was examined.

- * Reviewed the results of a special pilot regional study prepared by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency.

- * Contracted for the publication of a handbook for developers and planning & zoning commissions.

The first phase of the CAM program has been successful in involving regional planners in preliminary studies of the issues and in laying the groundwork for future coastal area management planning. The second year of the program, among other things, will emphasize citizen participation and a more specific delineation of the coastal management boundary. Some of the issues being addressed include such problems as:

- Development of floodplains
- Preservation of critical environmental areas
- Redevelopment of coastal areas, especially urbanized harbor areas
- Public access to the Sound

The original plan for the program, which has remained unchanged, was to concentrate on base data acquisition during the first

year, land and water use strategies and management program options during the third year. These steps must be completed in order to reach a final plan for implementation.

PRESERVING LOCAL AUTONOMY

Some communities have expressed concern that the CAM plan would weaken local control. To the contrary, the program's objective is instead to strengthen and assist local governmental decision-making and to better coordinate state activities affecting the coastal area. During the second year, the program will be developing a process for implementing a coastal management system; this process will of necessity involve substantial participation and decision-making by local citizens, communities and coastal regional planning agencies.

CONNECTICUT'S DECISION

The decision to undertake the CAM program with federal funds was a voluntary one, and it provides an opportunity for the State to address coastal management problems and to offer solutions.

"It's also important that the general public understand that the CAM program has no pre-conceived notions about what the final coastal management process should be", said Charles McKinney, Director of the program. "During the development of the plan we will be examining a variety of options in detail. The citizens of Connecticut will ultimately decide what the best management plan for them should be."

For more detail on the preliminary objectives of the CAM program, see the October 1974 issue of the Citizens' Bulletin.

For further information on the program itself, contact the Connecticut Coastal Area Management Office at 71 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, or call at 566-7404.



Wildlife notes

- The 1975-1976 Abstract of Hunting, Trapping and Sport Fishing Laws and Regulations is now available at all Town Clerks' Offices upon request. Copies are also available from the DEP Office of Information & Education, Room 112, State Office Building, Hartford, CT 06115.
- The 1975 Deer Season Field Guide containing application forms and information on application procedures is now available at all Town Clerks' Offices, the five DEP Regional Headquarters, and in the Licensing & Revenue Office in Hartford. It includes a map of state-owned deer hunting area locations and permit quotas, laws and regulations, check station locations, and hours, fees and other deer-hunting instructions. All applications for hunting deer on state-owned land must be received by DEP no later than September 22, 1975. A computer lottery selection will determine eligibility for the quota of 2,132 permits.



OSPREY

- DEP has been conducting a systematic bird survey for the past two years along the Connecticut coastline. Compiled by researcher David Dodge under the supervision of estuarine biologist Tom Hoehn of DEP Region 5, these surveys are indicating favorable population trends in many species. For example, 10 Osprey young were fledged in 1975, as compared with 4 in 1973 and 7 in 1974. Other birds showing favorable reports from previously low numbers in certain areas of the shore are kingfishers, black-crowned night herons, glossy ibis, snowy egrets, little blue herons, Louisiana herons, and other fish-eating birds.

While it may still be too early to draw definitive conclusions, these promising results suggest that controls on pesticide usage and the rising level of water quality in Connecticut's waters are helping to restore the population levels of some of these important fish-feeding birds.

EPA Regional Conference

September 22-24

The Air Compliance Unit of the DEP is hosting a three-day conference sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the topic of "Regional Regulation of Hydrocarbon Emissions". The purpose of the conference is to develop hydrocarbon control strategies for both mobile and stationary sources which could be applied uniformly across the northeastern, mid-atlantic and mid-western states.

Among the topics will be: mandatory vehicle inspection and maintenance, vapor recovery at retail gas stations, heavy duty vehicle retrofit, emission rate exemptions for sources using low solvent/high content coatings, and weakening the distinction between reactive and non-reactive solvents.

The conference will be held in Moodus at the Banner Lodge. Representatives from fifteen states have been invited to attend.

DPEP: a new state agency

The former Connecticut Energy Agency now has a new name and some new responsibilities. It has become the Connecticut Department of Planning and Energy Policy (DPEP). The new department is a merger of the former Energy Agency and the Planning Section of the Planning & Budget Division in the Department of Finance and Control. DPEP will integrate energy considerations with ongoing state-wide planning, since it is charged with the task of coordinating the planning efforts of all State agencies in the areas of land-use, air and water quality, transportation, social, economic and health planning in addition to energy.

Former Energy Agency Administrator Lynn Alan Brooks was named DPEP's first Commissioner. The new agency's headquarters are at 20 Grand Street in Hartford. Phone: 566-5765.



legislative summary

passed

AIR QUALITY

**P.A. 75-160 (HB 8352) AN ACT CONCERNING
SERVICE OF ORDERS OF AIR
POLLUTION VIOLATIONS**

Allows DEP to serve an order by certified mail, return receipt requested, rather than only by sheriff.

**P.A. 75-453 (HB 6127) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WITH RESPECT TO AIR POLLUTION**

Exempts certain redevelopment and urban renewal projects from the indirect source regulations adopted and administered by DEP.

WATER QUALITY

**P.A. 75-218 (HB 8378) AN ACT REPEALING
CERTAIN OBSOLETE HARBOR
STATUTES**

Repeals statutes which duplicate other DEP statutes.

**P.A. 75-322 (SB 1500) AN ACT CONCERNING
ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL 208
PLANNING GRANTS**

Provides the Governor with the necessary statutory authority to accept nearly \$5-8 million in federal water pollution control grants for distribution within the state. Also requires semi-annual reports to be filed with the Governor and the legislative committee on Planning & Development.

**P.A. 75-335 (HB 8283) AN ACT CONCERNING
STATE AID FOR FARM WASTE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

Removes the mandatory reimbursement by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the com-

Even though 1975 may not have seemed to be a benchmark year for environmental legislation to most observers at the State Capitol, more than 80 bills were passed during the 1975 Session affecting either the DEP operations or the environment in general. We have compiled the following listing of public and special acts enacted by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Due to limitations of space we can only briefly describe each bill; however, more detailed information can be obtained at the State Capitol. The Office of Legislative Research has prepared a book of excellent summaries of all 1975 public acts, and individual copies are available if you stop by Room 120 of the State Capitol Bldg. Copies of the public and special acts in engrossed version are available from the State Library.

KEY: HB = House Bill
SB = Senate Bill
PA = Public Act
SA = Special Act

pletion of a farm waste management system and gives the Commissioner discretion in the awarding of grants.

**P.A. 75-383 (HB 7183) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
LICENSING OF SUBSURFACE SEWAGE
DISPOSAL INSTALLERS & CLEANERS**

Requires the licensing board to issue a license to any person who has in the past installed a septic tank facility. Allows plumbers to be licensed without further requirements.

**P.A. 75-471 (SB 1565) AN ACT CONCERNING
STATE GRANTS FOR WATER POLLUTION
ABATEMENT FACILITIES AND SEWERS**

Modifies state construction grant procedures to allow conformity between state law and newly-adopted federal changes. Allows 100% funding of engineering reports if prepared on a regional basis, and allows funding of reports, plans and specifications at the time of preparation.

**P.A. 75-513 (SB 827) AN ACT CONCERNING PHY-
SICAL, CHEMICAL AND BACTERIO-
LOGICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC
DRINKING SUPPLIES**

Authorizes the Conn. Dept. of Health to issue drinking water quality regulations, and allows the Conn. Development Authority to finance water supply treatment facilities. Enables Connecticut to receive \$70,000 in federal funds for enforcement of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

**P.A. 75-600 (SB 560) AN ACT CONCERNING
MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL SEWER
AUTHORITIES**

Authorizes the assessment of industrial users according to the amount of sewer construc-

tion attributable to the industrial users' waste. Allows municipalities to pass ordinances providing for payment charges.

WATER RESOURCES

P.A. 75-114 (HB 7499) AN ACT CONCERNING STREAM CHANNEL ENCROACHMENT LINES

Allows agricultural and farming uses as a matter of right within stream channel encroachment lines. This permit immunity does not apply to the construction of any buildings or structures, except fences.

P.A. 75-237 (SB 1506) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPERVISION OF DAMS

Requires the owner of every dam to notify DEP of any transfer of ownership of the dam within 10 days of the transfer.

P.A. 75-387 (HB 5341) AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND WET- LANDS ACT

Makes several changes in the inland wetlands laws: requires a public hearing for any proposed change in municipal agency regulations; brings timing deadlines for the processing of wetlands applications into conformity with planning & zoning deadlines; requires the agency to notify the applicant within 15 rather than 5 days after decision; provides municipal agencies with the authority to issue cease and desist orders.

P.A. 75-428 (HB 8359) AN ACT CONCERNING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Clarifies that the districts are state agencies, yet may continue to own land, employ clerical and technical staff, and receive funds.

P.A. 75-472 (SB 1568) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SAND AND GRAVEL FROM LANDS UNDER TIDAL AND COASTAL WATERS

Provides the Commissioner with discretion concerning the need for public hearings on dredging applications in situations where the project is minor and insignificant.

SOLID WASTE

P.A. 75-87 (HB 5045) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF LITTER LAWS BY TOWN MARINE OFFICERS

Gives town marine officers the authority to enforce the 1974 litter law, §22a-27d.

P.A. 75-303 (SB 1499) AN ACT CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION RESOURCE RECO- VERY SYSTEMS OR IMPROVED SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

Adds "local" to the phrase "on a regional or statewide basis" to allow the Commissioner more discretion in granting aid to towns for these solid waste facilities.

P.A. 75-403 (SB 1507) AN ACT PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO OR- DERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO SOLID WASTE

Clarifies rights of administrative appeal for persons subject to orders.

P.A. 75-445 (HB 8302) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RE- COVERY AUTHORITY

Allows all members of the CRRA Board to designate alternate representatives.

P.A. 75-448 (HB 8502) AN ACT CONCERNING PARKING AREAS OF SUPER MARKETS AND SHOPPING CENTERS

Provides municipalities with the authority to establish ordinances requiring litter pick-up in privately-owned parking lots.

S.A. 75-64 (SB 922) AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REFUSE AUTHORITY

Provides the CCRA with full 100% reimbursement for the planning costs of their abandoned shredder.

PESTICIDES

P.A. 75-345 (SB 1502) AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF PESTICIDE REGULATIONS

Conforms the pesticide law with the provisions of the Connecticut Administrative Procedures Act by eliminating the opportunity for immediate review of pesticide regulations by the court of common pleas for Hartford County.

P.A. 75-551 (HB 8363) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF PESTICIDE APPLICA- TORS

Amends the Connecticut Pesticide Control Act specifically for the purpose of facilitating 1976 federal approval of the Connecticut pesticide applicator certification program. Allows the pesticide unit of DEP to stagger certification of applicants over a 5-year period; clarifies the definition of commercial applicator; requires demonstration of competence with respect to the use and handling of pesticides; and deletes the specific references to re-examination of tree workers.

HUNTING & FISHING

P.A. 75-96 (HB 8360) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR TAKING OF SALT WATER FISH

Repeals §26-162, which conflicts with §26-168. Both sections provided a minimum legal length for northern fluke (summer flounder); the repeal of §26-162 now makes the Connecticut law (14") uniform with that of New York.

P.A. 75-192 (HB 6125) AN ACT CONCERNING DEER HUNTING

Revises the system for granting crop protection permits by allowing three permits for

a period of four months, from 10/1 to 1/31, or for satisfactory proof of crop damage.

P.A. 75-274 (SB 1514) AN ACT CONCERNING
DEFINITIONS IN THE FISHING
LAWS

Makes three technical corrections in order to conform with DEP regulations.

P.A. 75-304 (HB 8365) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE ISSUANCE OF BOW AND ARROW
PERMITS

Transfers the power to issue bow and arrow permits for hunting deer from the towns to DEP. Since the 1974 deer law now requires DEP to issue other deer permits, this modification makes licensing more uniform.

P.A. 75-325 (HB 8394) AN ACT CONCERNING
LIMITED HUNTING ON LAKE WONON-
SCOPOMUC

Allows the first selectman of Salisbury, acting as agent of DEP, to issue hunting permits on Lake Wononscopomuc.

P.A. 75-630 (HB 7575) AN ACT CONCERNING
COMMERCIAL FISHING

Deletes the reciprocity provision in the 1974 commercial fishing law which did not allow the granting of a lobster license to a non-resident from a state which itself did not have similar non-resident licensing provisions.

S.A. 75-55 (HB 8351) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE POWERS OF THE METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT RESPECTING WATER

Clarifies that auxiliary water released by DEP from the fisheries pools behind the Colebrook Dam cannot be counted toward the MDC's minimum flow requirement at the Hogback Dam.

PARKS AND FORESTRY

P.A. 75-292 (SB 1512) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE
FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Extends the DEP district and local fire warden appointments from one to two years.

P.A. 75-313 (HB 8362) AN ACT CONCERNING
FIRE-FIGHTING CREWS

Allows DEP fire-fighting crews to respond to requests by the U.S. Forest Service for fire suppression assistance in other states to enable DEP to fully participate in joint reciprocity agreements. Includes revised wording reflecting DEP's existing fire suppression capabilities.

P.A. 75-533 (SB 1050) AN ACT CONCERNING
PARK IMPROVEMENT EMPLOYMENT
PROJECTS

Authorizes \$1 million in bonds for employment on projects in state parks and forests.

P.A. 75-534 (HB 7612) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE PRESERVATION OF PARKLAND

Requires a municipality to replace with

comparable land any park, recreation, or open space land it takes for highways or other purposes.

S.A. 75-45 (HB 7606) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE CREATION OF A COASTAL
RESERVE AT BLUFF POINT IN GROTON

Establishes and defines the boundaries of a "coastal reserve" at Bluff Point State Park. Prohibits improvements which do not contribute to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, or ecological values of the reserve, other than facilities deemed necessary by DEP for the health and safety of the public; prohibits the disturbance or removal of any living or non-living resources contained within the reserve; prohibits motor vehicles (except emergency and maintenance vehicles); and prohibits the use of concrete, asphalt or other hard surfaces for roads, trails or paths.

S.A. 75-61 (HB 5284) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND TO
JAMES BRIGGS IN EASTFORD

Conveys to James and Patricia Briggs life interest in a 1-acre parcel of land within the Natchaug State Forest in Eastford.

S.A. 75-80 (SB 555) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF WEST ROCK
RIDGE STATE PARK

Establishes boundaries of the West Rock Ridge Conservation Area; authorizes DEP to acquire property within the designated Conservation Area; requires notice to DEP by property owners prior to any transfer, development or change in use of any property within the Conservation Area; and requires DEP to prepare a development plan and to chair the West Rock Ridge State Park Advisory Council.

S.A. 75-94 (HB 8398) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
TRANSFER OF STATE PROPERTIES IN
THE TOWN OF KENT

Clears title by legislation to a subdivided six-acre parcel of land adjacent to Kent Falls State Park in Kent.

S.A. 75-101 (SB 1333) AN ACT CONCERNING
AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE
STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND OTHER PURPOSES

Items for DEP: *\$300,000 for sanitary facilities in inland state parks; *\$100,000 for the purchase of Squaw Rock in Plainfield *\$500,000 for the acquisition of Norwalk and Sheffield Islands for a nature preserve.

LAND USE AND LAND PRESERVATION

P.A. 75-320 (HB 8497) AN ACT CONCERNING
RECREATIONAL FUNDING

Allows the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to allot, at his discretion, an additional 10% of the annual funds made available to Connecticut from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund for municipal development projects rather than only for land acquisition. At present the formula is 90% of the

funds for land acquisition, 10% for development.

P.A. 75-337 (SB 18) AN ACT CONCERNING
REFERENDA FOR OIL REFINERIES
Requires that a town referendum be held on the question of whether an oil refinery may be constructed in the town. Requires a submission of a petition for a referendum.

P.A. 75-405 (HB 5438) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE SALE OF WATER COMPANY LANDS
Imposes a two-year moratorium on the sale, transfer or development of certain water company lands, and creates a council to study the disposition of such lands. Requires each water company to file with the council an inventory of all its unimproved real property, and with each municipality an inventory of such property within the municipality. Requires written approval of the council and the chief executive officer of the municipality for disposal of any property affected by the bill. Increases from 90 to 240 days the time allowed a municipality or the Department of Environmental Protection to give notice of its desire to acquire water company land by granting 90 days after the Public Utilities Commission approves the sale of the land. Also increases the time given a municipality or the state to consummate its purchase from 90 days after notice of intent to purchase or 90 days after PUC approval of sale to 18 months after notice of intent to purchase.

The council is composed of the Commissioners of Environmental Protection, Health, Public Utilities Commission, and the Director of Planning, Finance & Control, & three representatives of the general public appointed by the Governor, one on recommendation of the South Central Regional Planning Agency, and one on recommendation of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency. They will be required to submit an interim report containing legislative recommendations to the General Assembly by February 15, 1976. A final report will be due on February 15, 1977. The bill provides specific study tasks for the council, including policy development on acquisition and usage of water company lands for the State and the affected municipalities.

P.A. 75-463 (SB 1031) AN ACT CONCERNING
THE PRESERVATION OF CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Requires the Board of Agriculture to inventory all agricultural land in the state and to formulate criteria, including cost, for the designation of lands for which the state might acquire development rights. Requires the Environment Committee of the General Assembly to review criteria and procedures established by the Board. Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to adopt regulations for restoring for agri-

cultural purposes land from which minerals, gravel or similar elements are extracted.

P.A. 75-2 of the July, 1975 Special Session
(SB 566, 1801) AN ACT CONCERNING
CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT

Permits municipalities to acquire, develop, sell, lease, and operate real and personal property under a plan of municipal development in order to improve their economic and social environments. Municipalities may issue revenue bonds to promote, develop, encourage, and assist in the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and furnishing of development property, which would be secured by interest in the property for which they were issued.

S.A. 75-81 (HB 8395) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EASTERN
CONNECTICUT RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL
AREAS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Establishes a fifteen-member commission for the purpose of identifying and seeking ways to preserve historical and natural aspects of eastern Connecticut.

ENERGY

P.A. 75-156 (HB 8303) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
GRANT OF EXEMPTIONS DURING AN
ENERGY EMERGENCY

Authorizes exemptions by the Commissioner of the new Department of Energy and Policy Planning to orders issued by the Governor during an energy emergency. Applies to anyone who, because of unique circumstances or activity performed, would otherwise suffer inordinate hardship not suffered by other energy users in the same "energy use sector".

P.A. 75-375 (SB 994) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
POWER FACILITY EVALUATION COUNCIL

Modifies state policy toward power generating and transmission facilities, and makes changes in the procedures under which the PFEC operates.

P.A. 75-486 (SB 1081) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC UTILITIES CONTROL AUTHORITY

Abolishes the present Public Utilities Commission and replaces it with a Public Utilities Control Authority. Sets up task forces on further reorganization and on utility bonding. Expands the staff of the Commission and provides that the Consumer Counsel's office shall be independent, expanded, and its scope broadened. Gives the PUCA a number of general guidelines for establishing rates, such as that rates be just sufficient to cover operating and capital costs (including the cost of attracting capital and maintaining "financial integrity").

P.A. 75-509 (SB 404) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE
POWER FACILITY EVALUATION

COUNCIL

Provides increased opportunity for members of the general public to learn about applications to the PFEC for certificates of environmental compatibility and public need, and to attend hearings on such applications.

P.A. 75-588 (HB 7623) AN ACT CONCERNING ADVERTISING BY GAS AND ELECTRIC PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES

Prohibits the cost of promotional, political, or institutional advertising by gas or electric public service companies from being included as operating expenses in proceedings on rate schedules.

P.A. 75-634 (SB 311) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVES

Allows municipal electric utilities to create and join electric cooperatives, provided that member utilities have been in continuous operation for the past five years.

S.A. 75-85 (HB 7661) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY NUCLEAR POWER EVALUATION COUNCIL

Establishes a Council to study the extent to which the State can and should regulate or monitor nuclear facilities (plant quality control, environmental effects of wastes, radioactive transport, employee safety, emergency procedures to protect the public, and security systems). Requires the council to hold hearings and report its findings by February 15, 1976.

TRANSPORTATION

P.A. 75-247 (SB 1527) AN ACT RENAMING THE BUREAU OF RAIL AND MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Changes name to Bureau of Public Transportation.

P.A. 75-297 (SB 77) AN ACT AUTHORIZING RIGHT-HAND TURNS ON RED TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Allows right-hand turns at red lights, provided an approved sign has been erected. Significant for transportation control strategies.

P.A. 75-374 (SB 19) AN ACT CONCERNING REPEAL OF THE POWER IN TRANSIT DISTRICTS TO IMPOSE A ONE-CENT PER GALLON TAX ON FUEL TO FUND MASS TRANSPORTATION

Eliminates the authority to tax for mass transportation purposes.

P.A. 75-485 (SB 1615) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL-AID URBAN SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN HIGHWAYS IN CONNECTICUT

Authorizes the principal elected officials of general purpose local governments to

select the routes to be included in the federal-aid urban highway system with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Transportation.

P.A. 75-564 (SB 103) AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Deletes one of the highway projects presently on the highway priority construction list and adds six other projects. Directs the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct four new feasibility studies and to report his findings to the 1977 General Assembly.

P.A. 75-568 (HB 8116) AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE GENERAL FUND AND THE STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND

Eliminates the transportation fund and pools its funds with the General fund.

P.A. 75-572 (HB 8383) AN ACT CREATING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Abolishes the present CTA and creates in its place the CPTA, consisting of thirteen members including the Commissioner of DEP, Commissioner of Planning & Energy Policy, an executive director of a regional planning agency, representatives of rail and bus users, rail and bus unions, business and industry, and local transit districts. Empowers CPTA to advise and assist the Commissioner of Transportation in the performance of his functions relative to public transportation facilities and in the development of regulations to formalize arrangements between local transit districts.

P.A. 75-596 (SB 952) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR MASS TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

Requires appropriations specifically for the purpose of mass transit development, as follows:

FY 1975	10%
FY 1976	10%
FY 1977	15%
FY 1978	15%
FY 1979	20%
or later	

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

P.A. 75-305 (SB 1731) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE LIABILITY FOR BRIDLE PATHS, PEDESTRIAN WALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS AND INJURIES THEREON

Exempts the state and any of its agencies and employees from liability for injuries incurred during use of state footpaths & bicycle trails, or any lanes, parts, or facilities of highways, roads, bridges or parking facilities provided by the state for bicycle traffic.

P.A. 75-366 (HB 7502) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE

Broadens the statutory definitions of "agriculture", "farming", and "farm" to include several new activities. Establishes the new definition as a statewide standard. The broadened definitions affect interpretation of statutes referring to such activities, chiefly the classification of land as farm land for tax purposes and activities in stream channel encroachment lines and wetlands.

P.A. 75-360 (SB 985) AN ACT CONCERNING
TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY ACT
Requires separate accounting of funds received by the Commission from any source other than DEP for exclusive use of the Commission. Provides, in cases in which the Commissioner of DEP purchases rights to land below their fair market value, that the acreage involved will be applied against the Commission's 2,500-acre statutory limit only to the extent that the fair market value is represented by the purchase price.

P.A. 75-455 (SB 1501) AN ACT CONCERNING
NAVIGATIONAL OBSTRUCTIONS
Returns the authority for enforcing removal of navigational hazards in inland waters to DEP; the Department of Transportation retains jurisdiction in tidal waters.

P.A. 75-456 (SB 1496) AN ACT CONCERNING
IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
OR FIRST AID FOR DEP ENFORCE-
MENT OFFICERS AND LIFEGUARDS
Extends the good samaritan coverage to DEP Conservation Officers and lifeguards, provided they are properly certified to render first aid.

P.A. 75-497 (HB 7770) AN ACT CONCERNING
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL
PRIORITIES
Authorizes the use of vacant state and municipal land for gardening by members of the general public. Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, in cooperation with other agencies, to compile a list of vacant state-owned land which might be used for gardening, and to establish a permitting program for the use of the land.

P.A. 75-537 (HB 8554) AN ACT TO FACILITATE
STATE PLANNING AND CONSOLIDATE
PLANNING AND ENERGY POLICY IN
ONE DEPARTMENT
Revises all of the statutes dealing with the Energy Agency and the Planning & Budgeting Division of the Department of Finance and Control to delete references to those agencies by substituting "Planning & Energy Policy".

P.A. 75-621 (HB 5378) AN ACT CONCERNING
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRON-
MENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS
Amends the 1973 Connecticut Environmental

Policy Act. Requires published notice of the availability of impact statements prepared on state-sponsored projects, along with a summary of the statement and any negative findings. Requires Town Clerks to review statements. Deletes the requirement that DEP promulgate regulations implementing the Act.

S.A. 75-50 (HB 8366) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRO-
TECTION TO RELOCATE A CEMETERY
Relocation of a pre-revolutionary war cemetery is necessary for the construction of a flood control dam on the Norwalk River.

DEP ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

P.A. 75-78 (HB 5379) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
CHANGE IN THE USE OF LAND UNDER
THE CONTROL OF A STATE AGENCY,
DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION
Requires notification of any change in the use of state land to the chief executive officer of the affected town, not less than 60 days prior to such change.

P.A. 75-129 (SB 1510) AN ACT CONCERNING
MEMBERSHIP ON THE INDIAN AFFAIRS
COUNCIL
Allows the designation of alternate members for the tribes, as is similarly allowed on other boards, councils and commissions.

P.A. 75-342 (HB 5087) AN ACT CONCERNING
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
Allows inspection of all public records not specifically exempted from disclosure. Requires public agencies to give a person a copy or computer printout of any public record, for a fee not exceeding administrative costs. Requires that meetings in all branches of government be open to the public with only a few specific exemptions. Allows the proceedings of a public agency to be photographed. Establishes a Freedom of Information Commission composed of three members appointed by the Governor and approved by either house to hear grievances from persons denied access and to investigate alleged violations.

P.A. 75-425 (HB 8145) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING
THE REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE'S SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE
ON LEASING

Deals primarily with the acquisition, construction or leasing of real estate for housing the offices and equipment of all state agencies. Requires agencies to receive approval from the Department of Public Works and the State Properties Review Board prior to the erection of any buildings on state-owned lands, or before selling, leasing or conveying any right in any land, buildings or real property owned by the state and obtained in conjunction with any PL 566 Flood Control projects.

P.A. 75-441 (HB 8463) AN ACT CONCERNING
MUNICIPAL POLICE BOAT PATROLS

Permits the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to formally designate any municipal police department to act as agent of DEP in the enforcement of any DEP laws.

P.A. 75-529 (HB 7689) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

Includes a requirement for all agencies with adjudicative proceedings (e.g. DEP) that all decisions on applications for regulated activities be rendered within 90 days of the final filing of briefs.

S.A. 75-59 (HB 5753) AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING OF SPORT LICENSES BY THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL

Relieves the Trumbull Town Clerk of the responsibility for remitting \$1,800 in fees for hunting & fishing licenses which were accidentally destroyed in 1973.

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AIR QUALITY

P.A. 75-590 (HB 7503) AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN BURNING
Vetoed by the Governor

SB 155 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HIGH SULFUR FUEL

WATER QUALITY

SB 1050 AN ACT CONCERNING SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES

HB 6120 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON SALT CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

HB 7536 AN ACT CONCERNING POLLUTION OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER

HB 7631 AN ACT CONCERNING A BAN ON PHOSPHATE DETERGENTS

WATER RESOURCES

SB 1644, AN ACT PLACING THE CONNECTICUT
HB 8464 WELL-DRILLING BOARD WITHIN THE DEP

HB 5044 AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ALGAE CONTROL

HB 5413 AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATED ACTIVITIES OF STATE AGENCIES IN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATER COURSES

HB 7473 AN ACT CONCERNING STORM DRAINAGE

HB 7480 AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SOIL EROSION CONTROL

HB 7637 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL

AUTHORITY TO REGULATE WATER RUNOFF

SOLID WASTE

SB 233 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

HB 5049 AN ACT CONCERNING REUSABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND A BAN ON PULL-TOP CANS

HB 7603 AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE SITES

HB 7609 AN ACT CONCERNING LITTER CONTROL

PESTICIDES

HB 5674 AN ACT CONCERNING CUSTOM TREE-WORKERS

HUNTING & FISHING

SB 9 AN ACT CONCERNING MARKERS ON LOBSTER POTS

SB 406 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD OF FISH AND GAME

SB 1523 AN ACT CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR DEER JACKLIGHTING

SB 1584 AN ACT CONCERNING A SEPARATE LICENSE TO TRAP

HB 5051 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIRD SANCTUARY IN NORWALK HARBOR

HB 5234 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUNTING OF MOURNING DOVES

HB 5306 AN ACT CONCERNING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND GAME

HB 5658 AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING WITH BIRDS OF PREY

PARKS AND FORESTRY

HB 6355 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN STATE PARKS AND FORESTS WHERE SNOWMOBILING IS PRESENTLY ALLOWED

HB 7497 AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CAMPERS

HB 7611 AN ACT APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER IN ENFIELD

HB 7679 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF STILLWATER POND IN TORRINGTON BY THE STATE

LAND USE AND LAND PRESERVATION

SB14 AN ACT CONCERNING COASTAL ZONE

MANAGEMENT

- HB 5465 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON CONNECTICUT COASTAL DEVELOPMENT
- HB 5792 AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT ZONING BY MUNICIPALITIES AND IMPACT STUDIES FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS
- HB 7598 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL LANDS (complete bonding version)
- House Joint Resolution 144 RESOLUTION CONCERNING LAND PLANNING, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ENERGY

- SB 94 AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARY RESISTANCE ELECTRIC HOME HEAT
- SB 1075 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF APPLIANCES
- SB 1086 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC UTILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- SB 1205 AN ACT CONCERNING CLASS ACTIONS FOR DELAYS IN PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION AND PUC-APPROVED PROJECTS
- SB 1534 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS
- HB 8262 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWER FACILITY EVALUATION COUNCIL
- HB 8495 AN ACT CONCERNING NOISE EMISSIONS AND ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

TRANSPORTATION

- SB 423 AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON NEW HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
- SB 1354 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTRICTION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ON INTERSTATE, FEDERAL-AID AND OTHER LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS
- SB 1626 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
- SB 1671 AN ACT CONCERNING RE-EVALUATION OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
- HB 5738 AN ACT CONCERNING REFERENDUM IN TOWNS AFFECTED BY PROPOSED HIGHWAY LAYOUT
- HB 6874 AN ACT CONCERNING A REVITALIZATION OF RAILROAD SERVICES
- HB 8441 AN ACT CONCERNING LAND BANKING FOR FUTURE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BY MUNICIPALITIES

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

- SB 69 AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- SB 861 AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT TWO-THOUSAND COMMISSION
- SB 1314 AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE MEMBERS FOR LOCAL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS
- SB 1524 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
- HB 6124 AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS
- HB 7905 AN ACT CONCERNING AN OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- HB 8297 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DEP ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- HB 5040, AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO MUNICIPALITIES BY STATE AGENCIES
- HB 6452
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- HB 5678 AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR INSTITUTIONS USE COUNTY LINES WHEN DETERMINING THEIR REGIONAL DIVISIONS
- HB 7638 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION





Conservation Commission Corner

by Gay Ewing
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Conservation Commissions

This section of the Bulletin is devoted monthly to conservation commission and land trust news. Gay Ewing has been visiting commissions and land trusts throughout the state, and she will be providing the Citizens' Bulletin with monthly updates on their activities.

In visiting with commissions and land trusts my first and foremost impression has been that the commissions need more information on what is being done in other towns, how problems are being solved, and how to get more technical and financial help. There is a lot of talent and expertise in the commission program, but how do we get ideas and programs circulating? How do we make sure that a commission has enough knowledge available to it to make sure that its program is not short-changing the community? The meeting which will be held on October 20, 1975 at the Holiday Inn in Meriden will be a workshop meeting and should therefore prove invaluable in helping us all to know more about our neighboring programs. So be sure to save October 20 from 1:00 p.m. on. More about this later. Your dues will help this program.

FAIRFIELD One of the most interesting commissions which I have visited is the Fairfield Commission. Fairfield has 1,500 acres of open land, 800 of them in the open space category. The open space program is under the conservation commission. The town has a Conservation Department with six full-time employees. The evening I visited the commission the

First Selectman, John Sullivan, attended the meeting and gave help and advice on certain matters. Recently Claude Johnson, the commission chairman, presented a plaque to Mr. Sullivan which read: "Presented by the Fairfield Conservation Commission to John Sullivan in recognition of his interest and outstanding efforts in acquiring and preserving open space in the Town of Fairfield." Maybe we can all learn from this gesture that we should do more to recognize those people who work so hard to improve our towns.

CANAAN Or should I say Falls Village? It was quite a problem finding the Town Hall, since this small town has two names. I found that this commission, which is also the inland wetlands agency, has given a great deal of thought to its program and proceeds in a very orderly way. It would specifically like to know if any other commission has developed a form letter which states the decision on any inland wetlands application. If you have such a form letter in your commission, please mail it to the Canaan Conservation Commission, Falls Village, Connecticut 06031.

GRANBY Granby is working on a pilot environmental education program. This includes developing outdoor study areas and in-service training for the teachers. The study areas are adjacent to the schools, and they cover everything from lady slippers to gravel pits.

AVON Avon has developed a publication which is a complete study of the town from the rockbed to the sky. This kind of information is invaluable, not only as a working tool, but also as a means of increasing the public's awareness of Avon's total environmental picture.

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Hunter Safety

In order to obtain a license to hunt, a person must first successfully complete a course of instruction in safe hunting practices and the safe handling and use of firearms.

Hunter safety courses are conducted by volunteer instructors who have been certified by the Department of Environmental Protection, using standards and procedures of the National Rifle Association. A person desiring instruction obtains the name of an instructor in his area from the town clerk's office and contacts the instructor who sets up a class date. When a student has satisfactorily completed the course, he is awarded a certificate of competency, in the form of a slip to be presented to the town clerk at the time of license application.

A workshop for hunting safety instructors has been scheduled by DEP for Saturday September 20 at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Hospital Auditorium in Rocky Hill, Conn. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at about 4 p.m. A staff of instructors from the National Rifle Association will make presentations, show films and slides.

DID YOU KNOW?

Two-thirds of all hunting accidents occur at distances less than three yards.

Over 50% of these accidents are self-inflicted.

TRICE offers course

Trinity-Rensselaer Institute for Community Education (TRICE) is offering an eight-week course on "Energy and Society". The lecturer is Dr. Eugene Frankel, Assistant Professor of Technology Studies at Hampshire College. The Course begins on October 7 and will be held every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Trinity College, Life Sciences Center, Room 139. Cost: \$50. For more information, write or call TRICE, 275 Windsor Street, Hartford 249-6234.

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